

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a system capable of agile accommodation to changes in a business process, in an information system responsible for handling processing of business processes subject to frequent changes in response to, for example, changes in the business environment and Kaizen activities.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 6 is a drawing showing the conventional business model at a target factory, the production method of which was a push-type system focused on the [[a]] planning department. A planning department 620, upon receiving an order from a client (business unit) 610, performs development of product configuration, and instructs to a purchasing section 640 to perform material procurement and instructs to a production instruction section 630 to manufacture. In Fig. 6, the white-background arrows indicate demand information, and the hatched arrows indicate supply information, with solid-line arrows indicating material flow.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

Additionally, this system further comprising: a ~~third processing step~~ further comprising in which a business procedure that defines a generation sequence of a plurality of sets of the above-noted demand information and supply information related to a business process, and a business flow that defines the flow of the above-noted business procedure are recorded in the above-noted database as a business procedure master and a business process flow master, and a fourth processing step in which in accordance with procedures and flows recorded on the business procedure master and the business process flow master, business processes are executed, the third processing step and the fourth processing step are achieved by executing a program provided on the server apparatus.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The common component group 2 is a group of six components, made up of a database search engine 21, a configuration development engine 22, a stock simulation 23, an option processing group 24, a POT (portable terminal)/BLP (barcode label printer) processing group 25, and a database recording/updating processing group 26. The POT (portable terminal) is a wireless terminal with a barcode reader used for controlling

~~control of placing items in stock and removal of removing items from stock~~, the POT processing group being made up of a group of software which controls the wireless terminal and performing data processing with the wireless terminal, and the BLP processing group being made up of a group of software which controls the dedicated barcode printer and performing data processing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 3 shows in schematic form an example of the details of a demand table in an embodiment of the present invention. The demand includes fields for information with regard to who, to whom, what (key, parent key, product code), how many, by when, and how much and, in the case of order inflow, is made up of a client, an order recipient, received order, client order number, product code, ordered quantity, time limit of delivery and sales price information. In the example shown in Fig. 3, the demands are made up of the order receipt (purchase order), shipping instructions, production instructions, inspection instructions, assembly instructions, purchase requisitions, required registration, purchase order, incoming inspection instructions, and delivery instructions. The example of Fig. 3 is an example of a type of demand, and it will be understood that the present invention is not restricted to these demand types.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 5 ~~[[is]]~~ shows the drawing in which the business process example shown in Fig. 4 is stored in the business procedure master 32 and the business process flow master 33. The demand procedures issued by the planning section A1 (purchase requisitions 11A1 and assembly instructions 11A4) are expressed here as 500 and 400, respectively.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 9 shows in schematic form an example of demand properties, supply properties, and work flow properties. Referring to Fig. 9, in addition to 5W1H-format elemental information, by defining attributes which is supplementary information to 5W1H-format information as properties (demand property such as item specifications, purchasing conditions, top sheets, drawing/manufacturing specifications, factory specification NC data, test specifications, shipping specifications, and supply properties such as inspection results, problems, quality, log of stocking and shipping, amount of labor, and test data), it is possible to express any arbitrary business process. The demand properties and supply properties shown in Fig. 9 are stored in the individual property table 13 (refer to Fig. 1), and the work flow properties are stored in the general property table 12 (refer to Fig. 1).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

According to the present invention, information is classified into three types of information, such as instruction/request information (demand), reports/results information (supply) and attribute information (properties), this information being stored in a storage medium (5W1H-format database) such as a magnetic disk, a function to appropriately update this information is provided, thereby enabling quick implementation and operation when business process reengineering is done.